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In 1915 Henry Moore of Stony Creek bought a Circular mill and set it on Dry Creek a branch of Stony Creek near the road leading to Wadrow, and Laurel Creek and just above the Onoto.

The mill was set and Moore cut and skidded his own logs to be sawed into lumber that was used on the farm (Moore) in erecting a barn and other out buildings and upon completion of sawing the logs they had in it was found he had sawed 50,000 feet.

The mill is still where it was first set and has been rented to different people to saw lumber on.

( The other operations on this mill will be taken up later as no information at present. )

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#7 \* COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

This part of West Virginia is justly proud of the part it played in the lumber industry.

In 1903 the Warn Bros. of Pennsylvania came down to West Virginia and bought timber lands in this county on Cranberry River, Little Levels District aggregating some 3,100 acres <sup>for which they paid \$7,870.00</sup> purchased from the Kennison Bros' <sup>this land was</sup> namely Wesley and Frank, C. P. Dunlap and A. M. Edgar.

They set their mill on Stamping Creek a tributary of Greenbrier River and not far from C & O Railroad of the Greenbrier division and about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from State road known as R-219, built dwelling houses for the workmen and a large store and the place was known as Warn Town. The mill was a double band.

By 1905 they had laid R. R. tracks from Warn Town to Cranberry some 12 to 15 mile. This railroad was the Cranberry Railroad Co. A corporation by Wm. R. Thomas, Pres.

They operated under the name of Warn Lumber Co. Preston S. Warn Gen. Supt, his brother Harry was railroad Supt. Another Brother Robert was bookkeeper and store manager, another brother, George, a lawyer was a silent partner as he stayed in Pa, and only contributed in advisory way.

They run two trains daily from Cranberry to Warn Town which hauled logs mostly softwood namely Spruce and Hemlock.

They run two camps at a time on Cranberry River cutting and skidding and most of the time had 40 to 50 head of horses to do the skidding.

The famous Cranberry Glades are on the tract operated by Warn Lumber Co., also the Federal Prison Camp is now located on this same land.

Cranberries were gathered each year by people of the surrounding territory.

Warn Town furnished a market for surplus farm products of Millpoint and vicinity namely eggs, meat, and truck crops.

Warn Lumber Co., finished up in 1914 and since that time the Government

has purchased the entire area and set aside part of it as a game reserve.

They moved from Warn Town to Raywood near the head of the Greenbrier river.

After Warn's finished and had shipped all their lumber out the people began to move out to other lumber manufacturing places and to get other work and so in a very short time there was but 20 or 3 houses left and at present there is none.

Source of Information Court Records - Marlinton

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